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Palma Named as Vale District Manager

Vale, OR , July 15, 1999—Juan Palma, presently Supervisor of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit in California, has been named District Manager for the Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), headquartered in Vale, Oregon.

When Palma and his family move to Oregon in late August, he will assume lead responsibility for stewardship of five million acres of public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the eastern portion of the State.

Palma grew up in the Yakima Valley of Washington State. He began his federal career with the U.S. Forest Service in John Day, Oregon, after receiving his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Oregon State University in 1984. Palma since worked on the Beaverhead National Forest in Dillon, Montana; the Rogue River National Forest in Medford, Oregon; and the Toiyabe National Forest in Reno, Nevada. He earned his masters degree in forestry in 1990 from the University of Nevada at Reno. In 1995, he became deputy forest supervisor of the Six Rivers National Forest in California, and then moved to his present position in 1997.

“My greatest strength and interest is in building private/public partnerships for natural resource stewardship. Federal agencies can no longer sit at the table alone. We must seek out and use the counsel of the local citizens and others interested in how their public lands are being managed.

“I am excited about returning to Oregon, and I’m comfortable with the tremendous change in landscape and populace between South Tahoe and Vale. My family and I look forward to the new country and the challenges ahead,” said Palma.

Palma and his wife, Susan, will move to the Treasure Valley with their three sons, Jonathan, 16, Joseph, 14, and Jacob, 13. Palma enjoys family activities, including downhill skiing and snowboarding with his sons, and is an avid collector and restorer of classic cars.

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